GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN ASSAM
SANSUMA KHUNGGUR BWISWMUTHIARY

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to complete two long pending irrigation projects in Assam namely Dhansri Irrigation Project in Darrang district and Champamati Irrigation Project in Bongaigaon by way of 100% Centrally Funded Schemes under AIBP;

(b) if so, the details of action taken so far in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have formulated any action plan to create the necessary Irrigation Infrastructure in the most backward and much neglected Bodoland Territory by way of constructing a good number of irrigation projects on certain viable rivers and tributaries under 100% Centrally Funded Programmes/Yojanas so as to help/facilitate the growth and development of agriculture sector in the Bodo-Tribal dominated areas within Bodoland Territory; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (c) Dhansiri and Champamati irrigation projects of Assam have been included under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) since inception of this programme in 1996-97. An amount of Rs.39.650 crore has been released to these projects as Central Loan Assistance (CLA) under AIBP till date. In case the State Government agrees to undertake reforms in the Irrigation Sector, 100% funding can be provided for these projects under AIBP.

(d) & (e) Irrigation being a State subject, the planning, funding and execution of irrigation projects is done by the State Governments themselves. The projects benefitting Tribal areas are given priority under AIBP.